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(a) The Department shall appoint a Standing Advisory Committee on Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs.

(b) The Standing Advisory Committee shall consist of:

(1) The Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services;

(2) One individual from academia who specializes in public health issues related to substance–related disorders or infectious diseases;

(3) One representative from law enforcement, nominated by the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services;

(4) One individual with expertise in the prevention of HIV or viral hepatitis;

(5) One health care practitioner with experience providing services to individuals who inject drugs;

(6) One individual with substance use experience;

(7) One family member of an individual who injects or has injected drugs;

(8) One representative of local law enforcement;

(9) One local health officer;

(10) One representative of a local or regional hospital;

(11) One individual with experience in syringe services programs; and

(12) Any additional members recommended by the Department.

(c) The Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services shall serve as chair of the Standing Advisory Committee.

- (d) The Standing Advisory Committee shall:
  - (1) Provide technical assistance to each Program on developing:
    - (i) Program operating procedures for collection and distribution of hypodermic needles and syringes;
    - (ii) A plan for community outreach and education; and
    - (iii) A protocol for linking Program participants to substance-related disorder treatment and recovery services; and
  - (2) Make recommendations to a Program regarding any aspect of Program procedures or operation.

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